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Resource Efficiency
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Ministry has any policy guidelines on Resource Efficiency and use of Secondary Resources in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Ministry is working in coordination with other Ministries like the Ministries of Urban Development, Commerce & Industry, Mines etc., to encourage recycling of secondary resources and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) There is no specific policy on the Resource efficiency. However, various regulations on Waste Management including solid waste, plastic waste, hazardous waste and electronic waste and notification on fly ash utilization under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 emphasise gainful utilization of wastes; encourage recycling, reuse of the waste in various applications like road construction, waste to compost and in building material.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified draft Solid Waste Management Rules, 2015. A detailed regulation on the management of construction and demolition waste including its recycle and reuse in various applications have been provided. The suggestions and objections received on the draft rules have been examined by a separate Working Group constituted. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group, rules on Solid Waste Management and Construction and Demolition Waste Management have been separately finalized. The additional provisions on waste recycling / reuse under the revised rules are promotion of city compost, waste to oil, waste to energy, and policy formulation for these resource utilization by concerned Ministries in Government of India, namely Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Agriculture & Famers Welfare, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; incentives to generators for salvaging, processing and / or recycling of construction and demolition waste; use of recycled materials and products of construction and demolition waste in respect of construction activities; use in drainage layer & capping of sanitary landfill / dumpsite etc.
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